



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 6695

Naoki MITSUTA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1795

Application No.: 10/505.442

Examiner: Alix E. ECHELMEYER

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For:

MEMBRANE-ELECTRODE STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING

THE SAME

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 17, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated April 4, 2008, the Applicants hereby elect Group I directed to Claims 1 - 11, drawn to a membrane electrode structure for a fuel cell. This election is made without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

In view of the Applicants' above election, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of elected Group I, Claims 1 – 11 on the merits.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment with respect to this paper to Deposit Account Number 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket Number 101175-00054.

Respectfully submitted,

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